

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Response to Restriction Requirement

The Office has required election of one invention under 35 U.S.C. §§121 and 372 between the following groups:

Group I: Claims 1-5, drawn to a device.

Group II: Claims 6-14, drawn to a device comprising a housing.

Group III: Claims 15-19, drawn to a device having a sample pad with a width greater than the width of the detector pad.

Group IV: Claims 20-35, drawn to a device having a sample delivery means comprising delivery channel.

Group V: Claims 36-40, drawn to a device with a sample injection means.

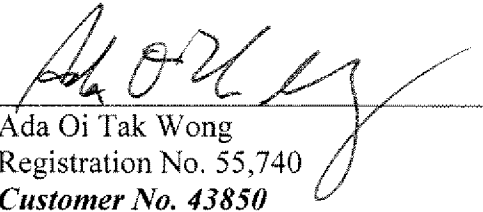
In response thereto, Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-5) for initial examination without prejudice and expressly reserve the right to prosecute other non-elected claims at a later stage. Claims 1-2 have been amended to improve the technical clarity thereof. Claims 3-5 have been canceled herein and substituted by corresponding new claims 41-44. Claim 45, being directed to an embodiment of the elected invention, has also been added and is presented herein for consideration together with same.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-442-1490.

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